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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Applicant hereby requests continued examination of the above-captioned application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. The application is a non-provisional application that was filed on or after June 8, 1995.

This request is being submitted after the filing of a Notice of Appeal and thus is to be considered as a request to withdraw the appeal and to reopen prosecution. For the submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, Applicants request that the amendments filed on October 9, 2002 be entered.

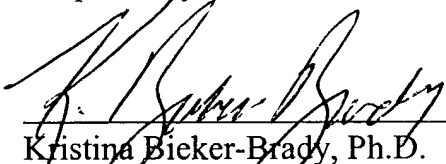
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Enclosed is a check for \$370.00 in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) for this Request for Continued Examination. Also enclosed is a petition to extend the period for reply for 1 month, to and including November 12, 2002, and a check for \$260.00 for the required fee. If there are any additional charges or any credits, please apply them to Deposit Account No. 03-2095.

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